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EXTRACT

EAST GERMANY

Moscow is at least acquiescing in the exertion of greater pressure by the East Germans on the Western military liaison missions in East Germany in an effort to extort an acknowledgment of some degree of East German jurisdiction. East German party boss Ulbricht in his press conference of 19 July charged that the US and British missions had been caught spying. East German officials are spreading the word that the USSR no longer feels its own liaison missions in West Germany are important. Soviet authorities, reportedly surprised by the Western powers' failure to retaliate against the Soviet missions, are permitting East German pressure tactics but have not committed themselves firmly on the East Germans' alleged desire to abolish the missions.

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